

Friday 12th November 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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## Stars of the Week

Nursery	Maja
Reception	Xander
Year 1	Franek
Year 2	Nathanael
Year 3	Elijah
Year 4	Kalia
Year 5	Marina
Year 6	Maimunneh

## Attendance

Nursery	90%
Reception	86.4%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	96.2%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	94.4%



Some very strange people made Photo of the Week this week!

Lots of birthdays again next week! Happy birthday to Mehrsam who will be 4, Mae who will be 5, Hazel who will be 8, Nehemiah who will be 9, Solaina who will be 10 and Shania and Lena who will both be 11.



## REMINDER

The school photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs next Friday, 19th November



To see more of what we are doing in school and lots more of our pictures please visit our [facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

# In the classroom this week....



Nursery have made this wonderful display out of the poppies they made in the classroom using fingerprints and also tissues.

The children have prayed for the people who died in the wars and still are wherever there is war. We observed the 2 minute silence ending with the 'last post' and throughout November are praying for people who have died in our families.

Reception class have been praying for those who have died whilst fighting, and have made poppies by sponge painting and finger painting. We have written all about Remembrance Day in our Religion books. We have been busy learning our parts for the play and have been practising with the Nursery children. We are looking forward to presenting our production of the Nursery Rhyme Nativity to you. Please keep practising your parts at home. In Number lessons we are learning the shapes and colours of Numicon, and what each one represents. We are ordering them and matching them to the numerals. We have been enjoying our 'Show and Tell' sessions, where we have to answer and ask questions for each other. We are working on speaking in fuller sentences, using interesting describing words.

We have had a blast of a week! As the children continue their learning journey in Year 1, the children continue to flourish in independence and adopting new skills! We started our week by building our repertoire and using our new graphemes to write sentences. We have also began to develop our grammar by extending our sentences using the connective 'and'. In Maths, we have now become more secure with addition and learnt about related addition facts by understanding the commutative law. Finally, as our Christmas play is well underway, the growing excitement and enthusiasm is building a lots of the children's confidence! The magical time of the year is well underway!

Year 2 enjoyed completing various Remembrance Day activities and observed the 2 minutes silence. Angel-Monae said she enjoyed making a poppy wreath with Mrs Thomas in Art. Paula wrote a thoughtful prayer in Religion thanking God for the soldiers. Ibraheem was happy that he completed his Remembrance Day wordsearch, dot-to-dot and colour by numbers. The whole class contributed to a Remembrance Day Book of Prayers.



In Year 3 we wrote a list poem using prepositional phrases about our book "Winter's Child." In Religion we wrote prayers of remembrance about members of our family and for all of the people who bravely lost their lives in the World Wars. In Geography we completed some work on the layers of the rainforest. In Art we created pictures of fireworks for bonfire night, we also created some poppies in the style of the American artist Georgia O'Keefe and enjoyed a fantastic Forest School trip to Turn Moss (make sure you have a look at our photos on social media)

Year 4 have had a busy week again this week. To commemorate Remembrance Day and all those who lost their lives we watched a video of the Last Post at the Menin Gate and took part in the 2 minute silence with the rest of the school. We practised our backstroke in our swimming lessons and in Science we designed an imaginary creature with adaptations for different environments! Some children got certificates for their progress in the 99 club and we all took part in the school Times Table competition. Congratulations to Nehemiah, Reece and Zayaam who were the top three scorers for our class. We are very proud of them!

Year 5 have continued with their English unit working on the use of language features within their writing to build fear and tension. We have really delved into the use of expanded noun phrases and similes resulting in the children writing exciting and descriptive character and scene descriptions, based on our text 'The Lost Happy Endings'. In Maths, we have completed our addition and subtraction unit. The children have worked very hard and we will continue to revisit this throughout the year. In Religion, the children discussed individuality and wrote personal prayers to ask for God's support in their development as an individual. We also joined with the rest of the school to observe a 2 minutes silence in honour of Remembrance Day. The children wrote prayers to ask God to protect those who sacrificed and risked their lives for our future. We also prayed for no wars to happen again to prevent such loss. The children then produced powerful and striking pieces of artwork based on this. Our Christmas performance is well underway as Year 5 and 6 took part in auditions to have a chance to express their voice expression and projection. We were so impressed by everyone's eagerness to give it their best shot. We can't wait to perform this for you all later in the term!

Y6 have really knuckled down this week, taking their individual learning to the next level in Maths. All children have grown in confidence with long multiplication of 2 digits, ready to tackle challenging word problems! Some children are already creating word problems of their own in long multiplication and challenging their talk partners with division also. Year 6 had fun participating in the ENGLAND ROCKS 2021 challenge this week, answering as many multiplication questions as possible. We are very proud that our class were the school champions! In writing, children have begun creating their first draft of their letters to special friends this week. Following discussions with their teachers and talk partners, children are developing positive writing habits to assess and improve their styles and presentation independently. The Nativity preparations are now underway for UKS2 and it has been wonderful to see so many children keen to express themselves enthusiastically and confidently. It was thoroughly enjoyable to see ROCK STEADY for assembly this week sharing their skills and talents in music! Children enjoyed learning about a range of instruments as well as hearing wonderful rock music :0)